

**Question on Notice
No. 787
Asked on 14 June 2023**

MR D CRISAFULLI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, INNOVATION AND SPORT AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER ON OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS SPORT AND ENGAGEMENT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 474 asked on 20 April 2023—

Will the Minister advise the date that each of the approvals and assessments listed are expected to be resolved?

ANSWER:

Anticipation is building for construction to get underway for the Wangetti Trail and the Queensland Government is working closely with Traditional Owners, regional councils and community stakeholders to ensure we take the right actions at the right time.

This is the longest and most complex trail of its kind in Queensland – we have to get this right from the outset.

The Queensland Government is currently working with the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) parties to finalise the timing of the community and authorisation meetings. Once the ILUA is authorised it will then underpin the remaining assessments including the:

- *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* Referral
- Wet Tropics permit under Part 4, Division 1, sections 34 and 35 of the *Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998*.
- Section 34 Authority of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.
- Section 57 of the *Land Act 1994* for Trustee leases with Douglas Shire and Cairns Regional Council.
- Development Applications under the *Planning Regulation 2017* and *Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995* with Douglas Shire and Cairns Regional Councils.

As these remaining assessments are all interdependent, a date of resolution for each component is not possible.

It is important to note that while the Queensland Government has a part to play in each of these assessments, we are not always the final approval and will be working across all levels of government, independent authorities and parties to the ILUA to secure these approvals.